cases of police excesses are taken serious note of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

Terrorism in the Country

65. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-terrorists operations in Punjab, even after the installation of a democratic Government have failed to curb terrorism which has spread in a big way to Uttar Pradesh, particularly the Tarai region and Haryana;

(b) if so, the number and other details of incidents of terrorism in U.P. and Haryana so far; and

(c) the steps taken to unearth terrorists' hide outs, and to liquidate the terrorist group in U. P. and Haryana; and the outcome thereof in terms of terrorists apprehended or killed and their hide-outs busted and arms seized from them during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Incidents of terrorism have come to notice in the State of U.P. and Haryana.

(b) and (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deaths due to Cholera in Tihar Jail

66. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some inmates of Tihar Jail died of suspected cholera recently and a number of inmates were hospitalised as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail grossly lacks in the basic civic amenities besides shortage of medicines; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has informed that 585 cases of suspected gastro-enterits were detected in Tihar Jail during the second fortnight of June, 1992. Two inmates have reportedly died of gastro-enteritis on 23-6-92. 114 cases were referred to Deen Dayal Upadhaya Hospital. At present, only 3 inmates are admitted in the Hospital, 23 inmates have been kept in isolation wards in Tihar Jail.

(c) There is no shortage of medicines. However, overpopulation of jail has caused strain on the water supply and other amenities.

(d) Following steps have been taken in the matter:

(i) Supply of drinking water and water for cooking has been arranged from MCD Water Tankers.

(ii) A drive has been undertaken to improve sanitation.

(iii) Disinfectants like phenyl and bleaching powder are being extensively used.

(iv) Chlorine tables are being supplied to inmates.

Sale of Arms to Militants

67. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan dated the 2nd June, 1992 regarding illegal sale of arms to militants in Punjab by the militant groups active in Jammu Valley with the help of Security officers/para military officers in the valley;